

# EDITORIALS

## Tilting at Windmills

Opponents of the plan to annex a huge portion of the Palos Verdes to Torrance on the theory that development of the area can be restricted to large, estate sites are probably tilting at windmills.

It is our frank opinion that the area will be developed just about as it is now planned whether the area is annexed to Torrance, whether part of it is annexed to Palos Verdes, or whether it remains as unincorporated county territory.

The Palos Verdes peninsula is one of the most attractive residential areas in Southern California, the area in question is, for all intents and purposes, under one ownership, and millions of dollars have been spent already preparing development plans which provide the most economical use of the land.

It isn't going to be any easier to halt the development under one governmental jurisdiction than it is under another. As a matter of plain fact, it isn't going to be halted.

## We Cannot Live Alone

In the days of this month we will be asked to sustain, with our donations and pledges, the work of the American Red Cross. Again, we will give to this great humanitarian cause, we will give more than we ever gave, and we will give it joyously and prayerfully.

Our donation may be in pennies, or in dollars, or in hundreds of dollars, or in thousands of dollars, but with our contribution will go the realization that the same heart beats in every human breast, and that we cannot live alone.

How does our Red Cross serve us? Let us count the ways. The Red Cross has nothing to sell. All that it gives and all that it does, it offers freely without cost to those in need. It brings comfort and care to our fighting men and women in war. Its vigil follows them in peace and, in time of disaster, it spreads its protection, caring for the hurt and ill, feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless. The Red Cross blood bank and blood-donor program supplies nearly half of the blood used in our hospitals. The Red Cross teaches how lives may be saved and suffering averted through its training in first aid, water safety and nursing.

The Red Cross exists to salvage man from the fury of his ignorance. At least, we are smart enough to know that we need to be rescued from our follies, or we would have perished long ago. This organization of world-wide mercy was born in suffering and anguish. It grew from the ashes of blackened cities and the hovering dust of death.

The success of the Red Cross is vital to the welfare and security of our community.

Join hands with your friends and neighbors. Give generously. It is an appeal that deserves our most liberal response.

## OUT OF THE PAST

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## How Come It Keeps Burning



## It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

### Must It Happen Here?

GRIM WARNING: Suppose you were sitting at a pleasant and bountiful banquet table in a country club with about 400 of your fellow townsmen, and you heard the speaker for the occasion begin with these startling words:

"You are all doomed to death. You are doomed to destruction, torture, starvation—and death, exactly as are those behind the Iron Curtain. Whether this death sentence on you and your children will be carried out will depend on you and what you will do about it. The sentence has already been passed and you are doomed, at least in the minds of the men in the Kremlin."

What would you think, you well-dressed, well-dressed, well-dressed American—that the speaker is a crackpot, fanatic, alarmist? That's exactly what the men in the Kremlin want you to think. But if you were like those of us who recently heard the noted Hungarian diplomat, statesman, and economist, Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, you would suddenly lose interest in the rest of your apple pie and coffee. Your complacency would be gone on the instant; you would suddenly hear a pin drop, and you would listen.

EXPERIENCE: You would listen because you knew this man was speaking from personal and intimate knowledge of Communist plans and methods. As former Minister of

Finance for Hungary, Dr. Nyaradi suffered through the "liberation" of his country. At the end of World War II, following the stupid and disastrous (for the West) Yalta and Potsdam agreements, he was sent by his government to Moscow where he spent seven months negotiating extortionate war claims with the Kremlin bandits. Fighting a desperate battle against communism in his own country, he felt the full force of the Soviet iron fist and finally fled its terror to seek refuge in America.

Dr. Nyaradi is now chairman of the Department of Economics at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill. Since 1949 he has labored unceasingly to alert America from his classrooms, from lecture platforms, over radio and television, in magazines and newspapers, and in his vitally important book, "My Ringside Seat in Moscow" (Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York). But still his gentle warnings have not been heard or read by nearly enough Americans.

OUR WEAKNESS: America's greatest weakness and the Kremlin's greatest weapon, far more dangerous to us than hydrogen or atomic bombs, said Dr. Nyaradi, is our complacency—the feeling that "it can't happen here"; that we're too intelligent, too enlightened, for such a thing to happen to us. They once thought that in Hungary, too, and then the Red hordes rolled over their country, not as an attacking army but as "lib-

erators," with, most tragically, the assistance and blessing of the United States.

Dr. Nyaradi asked us to imagine how he and his countrymen felt while they hid in cellars, terrified, cold, starving, listening in sick bewilderment to the Voice of America coming over their feeble battery radios—a Voice assuring them that the Soviets were their "liberators, noble allies, and great friends." This, while outside on the streets Communist looting parties in Dodgese, Ford's and Chevrolet's were drawing up in front of Hungarian homes to plunder, destroy, rape, and kill!

SOVIET LIBERATION: Often, above the Voice of America on their radios, they could hear from outside the screams of neighbors and relatives who couldn't escape, and then the shots of their Soviet executioners. They could hear the raucous shouts and ribald laughter of Red soldiers as they raced through the streets of Budapest in Jeeps and American command cars running down fleeing Hungarian girls.

And in the small hours of the night those who still had strength crept out of their dark cellars, risking capture and death, to find the bodies of dead horses and eat the raw, stinking flesh to keep life in their bodies. This was liberation!

These things happened, not only in Hungary but in all Red occupied countries, during the days when Stalin was "good old Joe" to our former President, and when he Supreme Commander of the Allied forces, Dwight D. Eisenhower, was being wine and dined by Marshal Zhukov in Moscow. But such sidelights were not mentioned by Dr. Nyaradi; his only criticism of us and our leaders was that we were then too trusting and too complacent and also too afraid of "provoking" Russia into war.

War with Russia will come only when Russia thinks it will serve their interests. The only way to avoid war," said Dr. Nyaradi, "is to be ready to fight, and let the Russians know you are ready. They understand only one logic, the logic of strength and the iron fist."

And, speaking of societies, what do you suppose is the oldest one in America? The DAR? Nope, that was founded in 1800. Oldest we've heard of is the New York State Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1768. There might be some older ones however.

## The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Spring is spring,  
The grass is riz,  
I wonder where  
My mower is.

Gene DeBra says he feels antiseptic as all get-out because people invariably greet him with the word "hygiene." Could be they're saying "Hi, Gene."

The do-it-yourself craze seems to be hanging on—in fact, it's getting stronger. We wouldn't last because people generally like to do their own eating, but prefer to let someone else do most of the other things that need to be done. We capitulate, however, and agree that the do-it-yourself trend is here to stay. Now you can get bookbinding kits and how-to instructions on everything from painting your house to cross-pollinating strelitzia reginae.

Here is something brand spanking new. Now you can write your own column. Just jot down the best column material you have filed away, send it to the Squirrel Cage keeper with the top off anything at hand, and you win nothing. Do it now! Don't wait until tomorrow!

## The Freelancer

By TOM BISCHKE, Herald Staff Writer

Boy Scout leaders were busy last week denouncing the author of an anonymous article which declared that Boy Scouts are pansies.

These youthful citizens, the article declared, are "20 per cent girl" as the result of the dainty training they get in the Boy Scouts.

Boy Scout leaders haven't stopped hollering yet about the article. Team members of the Los Angeles Rams, who aren't noted for the gentle way they handle a teacup, were quick to point out that many of them were ex-Scouts and that the team as a whole backs a Scout troop.

Maybe Boy Scout training wouldn't compare favorably with Marine boot training at Camp Pendleton, but Little Lord Fauntleroy would probably be hard put to keep up with the boys' 14-mile hikes and overnight campouts.

The article complained that the Boy Scouts were making boys into "gentle men" as well as "gentlemen." Apparently the author comes from the "rip the hair off my chest - and see if I flinch" school of manhood.

The aim of the Boy Scouts is to make good citizens out of the lads as well as teaching them the manly arts. Maybe the article has a point, but it isn't only the Boy Scouts who are afflicted with a loss of manhood.

It used to be that the man of the house was the guy who wore the pants, but this isn't true any more.

He used to be the fellow

who brought home the bacon, while the woman did the household chores. Even this isn't true now, and sometimes the situation is reversed. Man used to be a guy who golfed, went hunting, played poker, and wrestled with other males, but women have invaded this field. Even a barber shop isn't sacred nowadays.

Back a few years, the man isn't true now, the cuss, the cuss, and drank and swore, while woman was a sweet, dainty little thing to be protected, but even this isn't true today.

Man can't even call the Armed Forces his own today. What's a poor guy to do? A recent article, entitled "Husbands: the New Servant Class," declared that the modern male is beginning to look and act more like Minnie, the poor hired girl.

This is a far cry from the days when Bobo, the cuss, man, dragged Zuni, his sweetheart, around by the hair.

If a Boy Scout is "20 per cent girl," he can take a look at pop, and chances aren't too bad that he'll find him in a frilly apron, doing the dishes. We men do have one sanctuary. In all the places where there are little signs saying "men" and "women" the room labeled "Men" is still ours.

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## OF ALL THINGS

By Robert B. Martin

Eerie sounds coming from the depths of our mailbox, indicate that Mr. and Mrs. John Q. have been aroused over the antics of their representatives in Washington.

Did those Congressmen really vote themselves a 50 per cent pay raise? Does it really amount to about \$7,500?

Rumors to this effect are coming from the general direction of the Potomac. . . persistent rumors but I just can't believe them.

I've been searching through all of the "big" newspapers for outraged editorial comment, but have found it lacking. The chance that Congress would have gone to work on a raise in the second class mail rates had very little to do with this . . . naturally . . . or did it?

Their consideration of a miserable \$20 cut in John Q's income tax is heart-warming. John Q will remember this at the polls . . . along with that business of a congressional pay raise, free haircuts, etc.

What — no free shoeshines? Why leave the bootblack out? Surely, the bootblack is entitled to some of John Q's tax money!

I've been under the impression . . . ever since I was a small boy . . . that people seek public office because they are patriotic and have the welfare of their neighbors at heart. Now I'm told that people of a high caliber aren't going into politics because there isn't enough money in it.

The fellow who told me this

must be taking me for a large man with a small boy's mind. The only politician I ever came across who nearly starved to death was the one who wouldn't stop talking at a \$100-plate convention banquet.

I'm sorry . . . maybe I'm throwing a curve, but I don't like the idea of a man seeking public office for the money in it. There are too many other ways to make money.

And I'll say one thing . . . our school teachers are of the highest caliber, but they're not exactly eating high off the hog these days. Same goes for the postmen, policemen, firemen their jobs for pay alone, we'd be in an awful mess!

I said that eerie sounds are coming from the depths of our mailbox. Good for John Q. He and the Mrs. are awakening to the fact that votes DO count at election time.

John and Mrs. Q will be studying the record from now on. They've pulled an odd switch . . . they're remembering the campaign promise! Let the raise go through . . . to heck with the \$20 tax cut.

The caliber of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. has always been high. Their eyes, now, are opening . . . wide.

They'll be wanting something for their money . . . that's the latest rumor from the home front.

And it's headed in the general direction of the Potomac.

## Front Porch Philosopher

The juveniles are having a big time these days.

Many of them are giving the delinquent stage a real try. Just for kicks it appears. It's the daring aspect of the thing that attracts them, if the other kids do it, why shouldn't they? So they reason in their juvenile way.

When they are caught, it is found that many are not really bad . . . just mischievous. Still they have broken the law and the problem is what to do with them. The juvenile homes are bursting at the seams.

Neglectful parents are not always the reason. One of the most noted writers of our time who wrote tender stories of love and family life was an unwanted child who lived wherever he could find a home. He grew up to touch the hearts of the world, not by his early misery, but by his creative ability.

What comes closer to the truth is the fact that many parents do too much for their children which leaves them with time on their hands.

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